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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Recent activities and accomplishments of North Dakota chess clubs have impressed me, to say the very least. Mark Sykes and the RED RIVER H.S.C.C. have just completed an outstanding student chess tournament which drew 62(!) high and junior high players from the Grand Forks area. Dave Lindseth recently conducted a chess tournament for Wolford, N.D. students which drew over 40 players. John Graham and the GRAND FORKS C.C., which meets Saturday afternoons at UND, are making plans to hold their second rated tournament in the near future, and no doubt this one will be even better than their successful effort of last December. Last, but not least, I am most pleased to attach a tournament announcement from the CENTRAL DAKOTA C.C. as the last page of this newsletter. Please note the preparations and facilities offered, the dates April 28-29, and also take note of the deadline for early registration. Ron Benjamin will direct, and Ron Schauer and I will assist him between rounds. One word of warning to you Class B players: You guys are going to have to beat me before you take home that Class B money, as I have already sent in my entry fee and I am overdue for a hot streak!

There is one other important announcement for high and junior high school students: The U.S. SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS will be played in Chicago this year on May 4,5, and 6. With $5,000 in scholarships offered, this tournament should draw 1,000 students, ranging from the best in the U.S. to first-time players. A 35-passenger school bus ($23 round-trip) will leave Fargo South H.S. at 10 A.M. May 3, and at present I have 20 empty seats! Hotel cost is $5.50 per night for four nights and entry fee is $10.50 for the Open, $9.50 for the Novice (below 1399) and $8.50 for junior high. Send your entry fee to me before April 16 and I will make your hotel reservations for you. I will be the only faculty advisor, so all students must stay in a block of rooms at the LaSalle Hotel (tournament site). Chess lovers: please help and encourage these future champions.

GAME SECTION: Following is a game which I observed at the North Central Open in Milwaukee last November, in which the youthful and brilliant Bruce Diesen upset Dr. Orest Popovych of New York, who was one of the twelve candidates for the 1972 U.S. Championship. (The notes are Diesen's.)

1972-Nov 24 White-Bruce Diesen 1963 Black-Dr. Orest Popovych 2442
1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. N-KB3 P-Q3 3. P-Q4 PXP 4. QXP B-Q2 5. P-B4 N-QB3 6. Q-Q2 (Since I had heard Popovych is a very tactical player, I decided to play this positional system. White is setting up a Maroczy type bind and wants to keep Black cramped by putting a lot of pressure on the center.) 6---N-B3 7. N-B3 P-KN3 8. P-QN3 B-N2 9. B-N2 0-0 10. P-KN3 (It seems that White's bishop will be best at KN2 where it will control a powerful diagonal if the game opens up. Since Black cannot play the normal freeing move P-Q4, I thought he would try to free himself by an eventual P-QN4 or P-KB4 and try to attack on the queenside. Instead, Popovych embarks on a very original tactical maneuver which forces White on the defensive. However, as it turns out, Black's queen gets hemmed in by her own pieces and the plan boomerangs.) 10---Q-R4 (Threatening to win a pawn by 11---NXKP) 11. R-QN1 B-N5 12. B-N2 Q-R4 13. N-KR4 B-R3 (Now if the queen moves White loses, e.g. 14Q-Q3 N-N5 15 Q-KB1 N-B7 mate!) 14. P-KB4 (Now if 14---P-KN4 15 P-KR3 PXN 16 PXB QXP 17 N-K2 and White has an advantage. Since White threatens P-KR3 driving back and leaving Black's pieces misplaced, Black attacks further.) 14...N-K4 15 0-0 N-B3 (Black can find no way to continue the attack and decides to try and get his queen out.) 16. N-Q5 (Prevents Black's queen from leaving and threatens P-KR3 followed by B-KB3 trapping the queen.) 16---B-N2 (Black has used 68 minutes on his last 3 moves!) 17. P-KR3 B-K3 18. Q-K1 (Now White threatens 19 P-KN4 Q-R3 20 P-KN5) 18---P-KN4 (The only chance to free his game) 19. PXP QXP 20. B-B1 Q-K4 21. N-KB3 Q-R4 (not 21...QXKP 22 NXNch BXN 23 QXQ) 22. P-KN4 NXNP (Forced if 22....Q-N3 23 N-R4.) 23. PXN BXP (Now White's plan is to stop Black's counterplay and force exchanges.) 24. B-N2 P-K4 25. N-R2 P-B4 26. Q-N3 K-R1 27. N-K3 B-K7 28. RXP RXR 29. NXR B-B3 30. B-KB3 BXB 31. QXB Q-N4 ch 32. K-R1 Q-Q7 33. Q-N2 Q-Q6 34. R-N1 R-KB1 35. N-R6 Resigns (Popovych won the rest of his games and tied for 1st with 4 other masters. BD)

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The preceding game produced excitement among the spectators, partly due to the stature of Diesen's opponent. The following game also produced interest and excitement, but this time the roles were reversed, with Diesen playing Goliath and our own Don Varvel in the role of David. This game warms and consoles me because it proves that all chess players are human, and that even Bruce Diesen can err when he is in time trouble. I say that without taking anything away from Don, who is always tough and always a contender in North Dakota tournaments. (The notes are Varvel's.)

Diesen 2178 - Varvel 1931 Rd. 4, Bison Winter Open, 11 Feb 73

I had met Bruce Diesen the day before, playing five-minute chess. He won handily. I was suffering from flu that weekend, as well. It didn't look good. The game got off to a slow start when my opponent came nine minutes late. 1. P-K4 P-K4 2. N-QB3 N-KB3 (2...N-QB3 has advantages. 3.P-B4 PxP! favors Black if he reads old chess books. Present theory says Black can hold his own after 3.B-B4 B-B4 4. Q-N4, and 4.P-B4 in this line is bad because of...BxN and ...Q-R5ch.) 3. P-KN3....(Other moves are 3.P-B4 P-Q4! and 3.B-B4 which can be met by NxP?!, N-B3, or B-B4. At this point I went downstairs and discovered the store that sold Kleenex wouldn't be open until noon. I grabbed some toilet paper on the way back and suffered on.)...B-B4 (After the game Bruce mentioned 3...P-Q4 4. PxP NxP 5. B-N2 B-K3 6. N-B3 N-B3 7.0-0 B-K2 8. R-K1 B-B3 9. N-K4 B-K2 as leading to equality. I was worried about my KP getting weak.) 4. B-N2 (N-B3 can be met by N-N5?! or N-B3. After the latter, 5.NxP is bad because of NxN 6. P-Q4 BxP!)...N-B3 5. KN-K2 P-QR3 6. 0-0 P-Q3 7. P-Q3 0-0 (Black's KB inhibits P-B4.) 8. N-Q5 NxN 9. PxN N-K2 10. P-Q4 PxP 11. NxP N-B4 (I offered a draw. It was a good move. White has a slight advantage and I felt miserable. Besides, my opponent took six minutes deciding to decline it and began to get into time pressure.) 12. N-N3 B-N3 (Stopping N-R5.) 13. P-QR4 B-Q2 14. P-R5 B-R2 15. Q-Q3 Q-B3 16. B-K4 P-KN3? (This creates too much weakness. 16...P-KR3 is better, and K-R1 may be all right.) 17. B-Q2! KR-K1 (17...QxP? 18. B-B3.) 18. B-B3 Q-K2 19. KR-K1 Q-B1 20. B-B6....(Now I had two reasons to be miserable.) ....N-R3 (But Bruce had only 25 minutes to reach move 50 and suddenly I had threats. I was in "Better" shape. I had 46 minutes. But those 5-minute games...) 21. B-KB3 N-N5 22. BxN BxB 23. Q-B4 B-B4 24. P-N4 B-Q2 (Here he had only four minutes left!) 25. N-Q2? ....(And he makes a mistake. P-N5 would have left me helpless, and QxP would have been no favor.) ....Q-R3! (The threat of BxPch with a perpetual check gives Black a game again. It was an exciting moment. Was I excited? No. I was sick. The least excitement would have set off a coughing spasm. I had to play like a sphinx with a runny nose.) 26. N-K4? Q-B5 27. R-R3... (Nothing works here.) ...BxPch 28. K-R1 BxR 29. P-N5 RxN 30. White resigns.

(A typical finish would be 30. Q-Q3 B-N4 31. Q-R3 B-B8 32. Q-R6 B-N7ch! 33. KxB, R-Q7ch and mate in three. There are also several obvious Queen exchanges.

We shook hands, signed the game report slip, and I rushed downstairs. Happiness is a box of kleenex! D.A.V.)

I particularly enjoyed these two games since I know and appreciate the three chess players involved. Many thanks to Bruce and Don for the games and the annotations. AMT

SECRETARY'S COMMENTS: While working on the new rating list that follows, I had the opportunity to direct, with able assistance from Dave Smith, Bob Rietze, and Dave Johnson, the Moorhead Junior High School Championship which drew 27 junior high players from the Moorhead area. Erik Stahl and Bob Dale, two outstanding young players from Central Junior High won first place, and Central also took school honors.

RATING SECTION:

Albertson, M	1107/5	Joy, A	1753
Ames, N	998/4	Kerkay, E	2092
Anvary, R	1318/5	Kersting, J	1307/10
Atwood, L	1374	Kitchen, C	1337
Ayash, J	1080/5	Kitts, G	1918
Bast, M	981/5	Kjallberg, E	1465
Belgarde, S	876/5	Kline, J	1157/5
Berg, D	1281/5	Korsmo, K	1722/5
Bjorlie, J	1149/5	Kraav, O	1697/13
Branthaven, J	1573/10	Kvamme, D	1024/5
Bruce, G	1474/14	Laidlaw, R	1537/10
Burdeski, J	1353/10	Larson, J	1434
Burstow, J	2185	LeFave, R	1483/15
Champagne, D	1883	Lenzmeier, C	982/5
Cink, F	1247/5	Levine, M	1496/15
Cole, K	1583/5	Librecht, K	1413/5
Cota, D	1242/5	Lindseth, D	1648
Cullen, R	1056/5	Mahla, R	1212/5
Czichotski, L	849/4	Manzey, D	1019/5
Dahl, J	1505/5	Maxwell, J	1104/5
Danielson, D	1641/5	Nassett, B	1584/9
Delvo, D	1148/5	Nelson, J	1332/5
Demers, N	868/5	Neuhalfen, R	1441/5
Dickinson, K	960/5	Nilles, J	1421/5
Diesen, B	2176	Noah, M	1170/4
Fischer, M	1329/5	Obert, D	1478
Geiszler, M	1411/10	Ohlinger, J	1343/10
Gozum, E	1780	Olson, M	1407
Grazulis, R	1553/10	Ophaug, L	1057/5
Grettum, J	1450	Pausch, J	1196/4
Grosskreutz, S	1339/5	Phelps, R	895/5
Gullingsrud, L	1205/5	Phinney, M	1363/5
Hallock, P	1167/9	Popel, S	2186
Hanson, J	1304	Rietze, R	1232/5
Hart, J	1443/15	Roath, W	1098/4
Heimarck, T	1167/4	Robinson, E	1516/10
Herr, R	1585	Robson, G	1773
Heuer, G	1558	Rosley, D	1372/5
Heuer, P	1311/14	Ross, C	1173/9
Hilde, J	1142/5	Russell, M	1380/10
Honsvall, J	1349/5	Sauer, T	1226/5
Ikauniks, V	1687	Schauer, R	1392/14
Jacobson, M	1421/10	Shannon, P	1915
Johnson, D	1032/5	Sitter, J	1701/10
Johnson, P	902/5	Smith, D	1325/5
Johnson, J	1425	Solheim, L	1568

Sorenson, A	1713
Sorenson, E	1380/15
Steffens, M	1289/5
Stubblefield, C	1466
Stowell, R	1604
Swenson, W	1546
Sykes, M	1482/10
Thiesfeld, M	1424
Thompson, A	1686
Tollefson, R	1386/14
Trom, M	1403/5
Udow, L	1515
VanWatermulen, D	1297/5
Varvel, D	1936
Vikan, D	1254/15
Vossland, R	1106/5
Vorland, D	1190
Wall, L	1179/5
Wanner, D	1469/5
Welsh, D	1049/4
Wilson, F	1242/15
Wipf, G	1288/5

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